



Meeting of the Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum Board of Trustees, 12 April 2016

Present: Ellen Aamodt, Sarah Burks, Aimee Taberner, Geraldine Tremblay, Dan Johnson, Chris Costello, Tracy Skahan, Meghan McDavid

Absent: Michael Signorello, Anne-Marie Delaunay

Others Present: James McGough, Chuck Luca, Michael Borgasano, Penny Haskell, Rashmi Rao, Jackie Bates, Maddison Meijome

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Burks at 7:00 p.m.

### **Non-Profit Directors' Update**

Geri Tremblay updated the Board on the activities of the Directors and the budget performance. The Directors introduced a stepped sponsorship program for the Soiree in August and have already secured sponsorships of \$7500 for the event. In discussions with The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints 3 volunteers will assist with the arrangements for the events. Moreover, The Church offered young staff to assist in other Museum tasks for up to 10 hours/week. The budget was reviewed and all agreed that we are on track for the year.

Aimee Taberner made a motion, seconded by Geri Tremblay, to accept the Director's Report and the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

### **Operations**

Since the museum is closed temporarily during renovations, a newspaper article with photos should be prepared to tell the public about the renovations and the grants received. Maddison will prepare this.

### **Exhibit Committee**

Chris Costello is preparing a floor plan for the galleries which proposes moving the pedestals up against the walls to improve the flow. The board noted that the gallery guide needs editing and cutting. The board is applying for a grant from the Arlington Cultural Council to update the gallery guide.

The board also reviewed the many recommendations of the CAP report on the collection and will implement some of the recommendations over the short, medium and long terms.

### **Education**

It was proposed to request Nick Batzell to conduct a workshop to train the board on preparing workshops for primary schools as well as an adult workshop or event in November 2016 or in 2017.

Chris Costello will give a lecture in November.

### **Volunteers Report**

The museum is closed for the period of renovation. At the restart, there will be sufficient docents for museum activities, despite losing 2 of the current docents. The board has been in discussion with The Church of the Latter Day Saints on providing 2 volunteers one day a week for whatever tasks are required.

### **Minutes**

The board review the minutes of the March meeting and made no amendments. Meghan McDavid made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Chris Costello. Accepted unanimously.

### **Events Calendar**

The board updated the calendar, attached.

### **New Business**

Aimee Taberner reported on the meeting held at the Arlington Center for the Arts to promote an Arlington Cultural District. CEDAM was well represented at the meeting, as were many other organizations in the Town.

A motion was made by Ellen Aamodt, seconded by Aimee Taberner to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All were in favor.

Ellen Aamodt, Recording Secretary

## **Action Items for May 10, 2016**

- Aimee: Set dates for Batzell workshops/training.

- Mqddison M: prepare newspaper article with photos on the renovations.
- Chris Costello: floor plans for galleries
- Heather: prepare grant application for gallery guide
- All: review Strategic Plan on maintenance and operations
- All: prepare questions/comments on CAP Report for next meeting

## **Rolling Events Calendar**

POC	Event	Dates
James	Gallery Talk, Dallin/Civil War	January 14, 2016
Chris Costello	Am. Renaissance of Coin Design	Tues, Feb..23, 7:00 PM
Heather	ArtVenture Education Days	Sat/Sun March 5-6, 12-4
Sarah	Hidden Treasures: Dallin Walking Tour	Sat, May 21, 2:00 Rain date May 22
Ellen	Boston By Foot visit	Sat., July 16, 2-3:30
Aimee	Chairful/Picnic with Creek River	July 23, 5 to 7 p,m,
Directors	Summer Soiree, Silent Auction	Sun, Aug. 7
Chuck	Art on the Green	Sat., Sept.17
	Adult Sculpture Workshop	Fall
Chris Costello	Coin Talk	Nov/Dec.

